LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dominic Mainella upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2012 Golden Lion Award

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dominic Mainella upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2012 Golden Lion Award; and

WHEREAS, Born, raised and educated in Troy, New York, Dominic Mainella is President of Bella Napoli Italian Bakery, a family run business since 1957; and

WHEREAS, As the business expanded in 1961, his father, John, moved the business to its current location at 721 River Street, Troy, New York; at that time, he expanded his product line from bread and rolls to add cookies, pastries and cake; and

WHEREAS, At an early age, Dominic Mainella had a very strong interest in the business; he was always very involved, learning the many aspects of owning and operating a bakery; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, the company expanded and opened the Bella Napoli Bakery, Sandwich & Coffee Cafe on the corner of Watervliet Shaker Road and Route 9 in Latham, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, Dominic Mainella, along with his parents, John and Phyllis, his brothers, Geno and Mario, his sister, Victoria, and with the help of truly loyal and dedicated staff, the Bella Napoli Italian Bakery continues the tradition of providing the finest Italian breads, cakes and pastries to the Capital Region; in 2012, the Bella Napoli Bakery proudly celebrated its 55th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Roma Intangible Lodge No. 215, Brother Dominic has always shown his dedication to the Order by helping with cookie and pastry donations for the many charitable functions and activities held by the Lodge over the years; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Darleen, and their three wonderful children, Jonathan, Michelle, and Michael, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dominic Mainella upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2012 Golden Lion Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dominic Mainella, President, Bella Napoli Bakery.